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I am writing to object in the strongest terms possible the proposed development on Glebe Island. The Hanson Concrete Batching Plant along with the Port Authority Multi User Facility is entirely wrong for the Glebe Island site. This is now a residential precinct. It has become one of the most densely populated areas in Australia and the world. It has evolved into a vibrant, family community. It has, for well over ten years, been touted by local government, state government and the people moving to the area, as well as visitors and tourists, as an ongoing, exciting renewal project. It is a disgrace to the vision for the area to now return it to an industrial precinct.

I am distressed by the thought that the NSW Government could consider putting my family and my home under the extreme stress of having to deal with a 24/7 365 day industrial operation approximately 120 metres from my balcony. It is all well and good to tell us to move our lives inside behind closed doors and windows with our air conditioning running 24/7 in order to cope with the projected implications of this projects but clearly on the basis of the intended 15-25 years that is absolutely impractical. Is the NSW Government going to pay my electricity bill?

I am concerned about the cumulative affects of the dust, noise, light, fuel emissions, truck movement and the vibrations from constant running of the ship engines. The Hanson Concrete Plant will create substantial affects from these factors but add The Port Authority MUF and the affects are doubled. Under these circumstances this entire development is absolutely unacceptable. Please remember I am a mere 120 metres from this development.

I do not understand the EIS document in all its complexity and technical language. I understood that documents of this nature were expected to be presented in plain english so that a lay person could read and understand it. For this reason alone, the EIS should be redone and reproduced in a manner that can be understood by everyone. Was it hoped that people would be so perplexed by this document they would refrain from making submission?

It is inconceivable to me that the NSW government would even consider putting a development of this kind so close to a densely populated community especially as there are many families with young children. It shows a considerable lack of foresight and thought and appears to be an ad hoc decision that is supposed to fix what has become a complex problem for the government's infrastructure programme. Why are my family and I, and 16,000 other residents, being put at risk because the government was unable to manage their affairs accordingly? Why must my family and I be expected to bear the brunt of bad forward planning? Are you going to pay for my family's medical bills when stress overtakes us?

We moved to Pymont because it offered us a community lifestyle. We loved the environment and the surrounding area. We enjoy the industrial aspect of our home and the occasional ship has not been a problem but to now be confronted by 24/7 365 days of constant noise, dust, light, fuel emission, truck movements is not acceptable. I thought I lived in a country that valued the right of its citizens to enjoy fresh clean air and to be able to live peacefully their homes. I would have said those are the basic rights of all Australian citizens. At what point did the NSW Government decide to ignore those rights?

Again, I cannot stress strongly enough my opposition and objection to the entire Glebe Island Development. I do not wish my family's or my existence in our home to be subjected to the on going stress that I suspect will occur if this development goes ahead. This development should not under any circumstance be allowed to proceed.

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